Genre Game: A Whirlwind Tour Through the World of Books

Arrange the tables in the library with books from different genres. For example, 1 table will have animal books, another may have sports and a third may have poetry books.

Create booklets with one genre per page. Then for each, write in “Best Cover”, “Best blurb”, and “Best start”.

Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4 students. They will need a pencil. Hand out a Genre Booklet to each student.

Groups will all begin at different tables. They will have 10 minutes at the first table to look at the books, and discuss among themselves which of the books has the best looking cover, which has the best start to the book, and which has the best blurb either on the back of the book or the inside cover. They need to record their decisions on the appropriate page in their booklets.

After 10 minutes students need to rotate to the next table in a clockwise fashion. This time reduce the amount of time that they will have to complete their task until they fill in their entire booklet.

This activity can get a bit boisterous but is a lot of fun. It can take 1 or 2 class periods depending on timing.